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METAL STRIP

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SUPPLEMENTARY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 28, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application specification by inserting the following replacement paragraphs where indicated. Marked up copies of these paragraphs are attached to the end of this document.